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Noel West/MVP Staff

**MYSTERY NIGHT** - Didsbury High School drama students perform "Mysterious Night at the Museum" at Didsbury High School on Feb. 7.

## Curlers plea with town over finances

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The Didsbury curling club is appearing at town council's committee of the whole meeting Feb. 11 in an attempt to offset the club's flailing fortunes.

The club has been struggling financially for at least the past two years, running a \$20,000 deficit in each of those years. Councillors will be looking at the financial picture of the club and then discussing those details. While council won't be making any decisions regarding support the town might offer to the club, it will be discussing next steps in the process.

The club went to the town's last committee of the whole meeting on Jan. 14 and asked for a reduction in the club's rent and utility bill that it pays to the town. The club pays \$5,306.04 per month plus GST in rent and a further \$3,000-plus per month for utilities to the town. Beginning in October for the 2014-15 curling season, the club will pay \$5,412.16 per month in rent, plus GST as per the five-year agreement the club signed with the town through to March 2016.

"There's a huge discrepancy between the amount (of money) that we bring in versus the amount that we have to spend. So we're just trying to figure out a way to keep the club here," said Jen Bommarito, the club's president.

Bommarito said the club's executive surveyed

neighbouring towns to find out what arrangements they have with their local curling clubs. Five of the municipalities that the Didsbury curling club surveyed had privately-owned clubs while five other clubs pay either no utilities to the municipality or no rent.

"There was such a huge discrepancy between what we pay and what those other (clubs) pay," she said.

Bommarito estimated last week that there are 120 members of the club, but that was also one of the items that council wanted to know for the meeting on Feb. 11. The largest sources of revenue for the club come from membership fees and bar revenue. Bonspiels also provide some revenue as well, but that is dependent on how many teams enter the tournaments.

Asked if the financial difficulties the club is facing are serious in light of the fact that they've been going on now for at least two years, Bommarito said the club could go under if the situation goes on much longer.

"It is critical. If absolutely everything stays status quo, we will not be able to run for very much longer. I think I can guarantee two more years, but after that it's pretty questionable," she said, "and it's a shame because our junior program is growing right now."

The club has about 20 juniors. Bommarito said it would be good if those juniors had a place locally where they could keep learning the game.

The club is busy on Mondays and Tuesdays for most of those two days, while the club also has Tuesday night curling. Westglan School students are also busy at the club during February on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Deputy Mayor Gail Nowlan said there is a cost to the town taxpayers for the facility and as users, members of the curling club need to pay their portion of that cost.

"If they're looking to have their lease renegotiated and come up with a lower amount that they're paying for their lease, then that is an increased cost to the town," she said.

Nicole Aasen, the town's director of community services, said the curling club pays for the full-cost the town incurs in running the curling rink for the six months it rents the space, minus the town's insurance. It costs the town \$139,831 to run the curling rink for the entire year. The town runs a deficit of \$84,131 on the curling rink per year.

Nolan said town officials have invited members of the curling club and anyone who may support them to come out to a meeting on Feb. 24 at the multi-purpose room of the Didsbury Memorial Complex to discuss the club's situation. The meeting will also be an opportunity for community members to discuss the impact the town's proposed 2.3 per cent municipal tax rate increase for 2014 might have on them and for a discussion regarding the helipad at the Didsbury hospital.



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# Real Estate rebounding after slump in recent years

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

A total of 89 homes sold in Didsbury in 2013 according to MLS statistics returning to the near 90-mark for the first time since 2008, when 88 homes sold in the community.

The value of homes sold in Didsbury in 2013 was somewhere in the middle of those years, sitting at \$22,960,600. The high point for total sales and values of homes in recent years was 2007, when 130 homes changed hands, valued at \$35,447,970. The low point was in 2011, when 65 homes sold, valued at \$19,401,300. The lowest value of real estate exchanged in Didsbury in recent years was 2012, when 77 homes sold in the community, valued at \$17,104,400.

Mel Crothers of Royal LePage Wild Rose Real Estate, said the market is starting to rebound from the recession. Because of the flooding that affected the Calgary-area last summer, Carstairs is starting to see a surge of activity. Crothers said while Airdrie normally has about 500 listings during the busy spring season, by July 1, 2013, that number had

dropped to 220.

"They had a phenomenal year. One of the things that happened was caused by what happened in Airdrie. And what happened in Airdrie was they got slammed by the flooding down south. All of a sudden there was a whole progression north out of the city and there was basically nothing," he said. "Those numbers in Airdrie that disappeared, they didn't really disappear, they just got sold so quickly that they were off the market."

**"There is a shortage of houses for sale. If stuff is properly priced, and people don't get goofy, the stuff sells."**

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As a result, homes priced between \$300,000 and \$500,000 that would normally be listed in the Calgary area were gone, so people started looking north. Carstairs saw 18 homes sell in May 2013, valued at \$5.6 million, while there



Construction workers set trusses into place on the Cayenne Holdings strip mall between the Mountain View Credit Union and AG Foods last year.

were 120 homes sold in Carstairs in 2013 valued at \$36,166,945.

"Carstairs all of a sudden almost doubled their sales and that's because Airdrie got sold out, that was caused by the flooding. (Didsbury) is just a little too far north ... which means we didn't get quite the same impact. I think we got a

little bit, but Carstairs really got the benefit of it," Crothers said.

The outlook for 2014 is positive, Crothers said, with people inquiring and looking for property in Didsbury.

Crothers said he's waiting until March to put six listings on the market, with six properties already having a

for sale sign on them. He said as long as sellers don't overestimate what their properties are worth – and the banks agree on those values – people will buy.

Indications are that interest rates are likely to stay at the same rates as they are now for the remainder of the year, Crothers said, which is

another positive for market activity.

"There are buyers out there. There is a shortage of houses for sale. If stuff is properly priced, and people don't get goofy, the stuff sells."

"Buyers and sellers have to be aware of the true value and not the emotional value," he said.

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### PUBLIC MEETINGS

REGULAR TOWN COUNCIL MEETING: Tuesday, February 25 at 7:00 pm.  
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE MEETING: Tuesday, February 11 at 7:00 pm.  
MUNICIPAL PLANNING COMMISSION: Wednesday, February 12 – at 4:30 pm.  
Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are held in Council Chambers at the Town Office.

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### COUNCIL OPEN HOUSE

Didsbury Town Council will be hosting an open house on Monday, February 24 at the Didsbury Memorial Complex Multi-Purpose Room. Starting at 7:00 pm, members of Council will be discussing topics such as the 2014 budget, Shantz Crossing Business Park, the Didsbury Curling Club and the heli-pad.

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## Public hearing set for designation of AGT building

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

Town council will hold a public hearing on Feb. 25 on whether to designate the AGT building on 19 Avenue as a municipal historic resource.

Council gave first reading of a bylaw to designate the structure as a municipal historic resource at its Nov. 26, 2013 meeting. The town then issued a notice of intention to designate the structure as a historic resource, which gives the owner — in this case the town — 60 days to appeal

the potential designation. After the 60-day period had expired, council can now go ahead to with the public hearing, which will allow citizens the chance to comment on the potential designation of the site.

According to Heritage Collaborative Inc., which drafted the building's statement of significance in March 2012, the building's architecture of a brick exterior with four brick pilasters with cast stone caps is an important piece of Didsbury's early commercial years. The building dates from

1920 and is the only one with its architectural features remaining in Alberta.

The building was used as a telephone exchange until 1965.

"We did a heritage management plan last year, which lays out the process, so that we've got a process that complies with provincial legislation," said Karen Henry, the town's manager of planning and infrastructure.

The JV Berscht block was the first building designated by the town as a municipal historic resource in July 2013.



The town is hoping to designate the former AGT building as a municipal historic resource.

Paul Frey/MVP Staff



Photo submitted

The Carstairs Legion Branch #53 donated \$5,000 to the general funds of the Rosebud Health Foundation (RHF), which helps raise money to buy equipment for the Didsbury Hospital. (Left) Bob Disney, 1st Vice President of the legion, presented a cheque to Albert Ohlhauser, president of the RHF last week.



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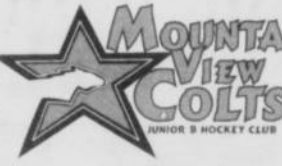
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Paul Frey/MVP Staff

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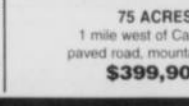
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# McDonald looks after teams in Sochi

BY KEVIN VINK  
MVP Staff

Before he took off for Sochi, former Didsbury resident Robin McDonald took some time to tell the Review about what he will be doing there.

It's been a busy year for McDonald, who is the equipment manager for Hockey Canada's men's and women's teams, the sledge and U-18 men's and U-18 women's teams, he said.

He said although it will be busy as he gets to Sochi for the Winter Games, this is his fourth time going to the Olympics in this capacity, so it's more of a routine run than it has been in the past.

"Honestly, my job is just making sure all the equipment gets there," said McDonald.

"So I pack it, ship it, and haul it to make sure it gets to the plane it's supposed to. And when I get there I make sure it's all arrived."

He oversees the shipping, packing, unpacking and repair of all of that gear.

"Although I'm full-time with the women's Olympic team, my job is still to look after all the equipment for all the different teams," he noted.

He looks forward most to settling into one spot and being there for more than four days at a time for the Games, he said.

"The entire year, we've been bouncing all over Alberta and North America," he added.

"So it'll be nice to settle in and be in one spot for

a solid time frame, rather than always moving in and out of arenas and driving around everywhere."

He noted most of his nights are spent away from home, so although he's going away, this will be a nice change from the routine.

He's been with Hockey Canada since 1999, when he started with the men's national team, but when it folded in 2000, officials asked him to stay on and start working with the women's team.

Then, following the Olympics in 2002, he was asked to stay on with Hockey Canada, and start looking after even more of

the teams' equipment needs.

The challenge that comes with the job is one of the things he enjoys most, besides being able to work with the teams, he said.

"It's a huge challenge, because you have to be ultra-organized to be able to move equipment all over the world," he noted.

But more so, he enjoys being in the team environment rather than sitting in an office doing paperwork, and although his job has become more paperwork-intensive over the years, he

still gets to be involved and work with teams from all over the world.

**"So it'll be nice to settle in and be in one spot for a solid time frame, rather than always moving in and out of arenas and driving around everywhere."**

ROBIN McDONALD  
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# Opinion

## Commentary New face at Review

It's been a whirlwind of a week — meeting new faces, making new contacts and getting to know the community of Didsbury. I come to town not as a total newcomer to Mountain View County — I spent the last seven years working in Olds for the Albertan — but my exposure to Didsbury during that time was limited to a few visits to community amenities and to covering court on occasion.

As such, I look forward to delving more in depth into the stories of

Didsbury residents and finding out what makes Didsbury unique from other communities, whether that be issues that arise out of the town office that have an impact on residents, to telling more general stories of community groups, teams and happenings at the local schools. If you think there is something that the community

should know about, pick up the phone, come into the office or drop me a line at [pfrey@didsburygreatwest.ca](mailto:pfrey@didsburygreatwest.ca). I'd be happy to hear from you.



PAUL FREY

## Mental health support welcomed

DAN SINGLETON

Less than a month after announcing plans to improve the province's child intervention system, the Redford government has moved forward with another important child-related initiative.

Following a two-day multi-stakeholder round table conference that looked at the province's children's care system, the government says it will be making more mental health support available for abused children and their supporters. In all, \$5 million has been earmarked for the undertaking.

As some of the most vulnerable residents in the province, children and youths who have been the victims of various types of abuse are wholly dependent on the availability of specialists and related programs.

Without the care that such programs and specialists can provide, some of those children and youths could find themselves on the road to long-term mental health problems, says Minister of Human Resources Manneet Bhullar.

The \$5 million will be targeted to several specific areas, including to

"provide child intervention staff with instant access to expert clinical and medical consultation that will help them better understand available psychiatric treatment plans and appropriate medications" and "provide children's mental health supports for high-needs children and offer effective strategies to help foster parents and other caregivers."

The money will also be used to develop a cross-ministry mental health action plan that will "enhance and sustain a high-level of support for children involved in child intervention and expand the reach to support all children and families with mental health needs."

Together with a recently announced five-point plan, this new \$5 million mental health initiative represents a very important investment in the health and well-being of Alberta children and youths.

While questions remain as to why Alberta children and youths do not already have all the health resources they require, these new steps should ensure that more is done to help those in need.

And for that the Redford government should be commended.

## HOW MANY FOLKS DOES IT TAKE TO CHANGE A LIGHT BULB?



## Commentary

## Winter Olympics now Canada's domain

It was 42 years ago in Sapporo, Japan that Canada came home from the Winter Olympics with just one medal: a silver from figure skater Karen Magnussen.

Four years later Canadians improved with three medals at the Winter Olympics in Innsbruck, Austria. But it was down to just a pair in 1980 at Lake Placid, N.Y.

But at the 1984 Sarajevo Winter Games, Canada began a remarkable climb to the dominance it now enjoys at the Winter Olympics.

Canada won four medals, including two gold and a bronze by speed skater Gaétan Boucher.

The next Winter Games in 1988 were of course held in Calgary, and Canada picked up five medals but no gold. In fact, Canada was forced to claim the dubious distinction that year of twice being the only host country from any Olympic Games not to claim a gold medal. Canada was previously shut out from gold at the 1976 Summer Olympics in Montreal.

But the dark days for Canada at both Olympics have changed,

especially the Winter Games where Canada is now a world power. Since the Sarajevo Winter Olympics Canada has improved on its medal total in every subsequent Games, from four in 1984 all the way up to 26 at the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics when Great White North athletes set a record gold medal haul with 14.

Yes, it is now Canada's time to shine on the world stage, and with the Sochi Winter Olympics starting last week and running until Feb. 23, the question of whether Canada will do well has long passed.

The question now is how well, and will Canadians once more raise the medal bar, which they have done now for the past 30 years since the great Gaétan Boucher thrilled the nation in Sarajevo.

Many would still argue that it doesn't matter, and that we should cling to the old Canadian mantra, "As long as they do their best."

But the days of Canada just maintaining its famous face of politeness at the expense of passionate competitive fire left permanently

during the 2010 Vancouver Winter Olympics. Canadians now want to win, and not just at hockey. They seek to win every event. That is the goal, and all that politeness can be tossed aside for every one of those potentially glorious 17 days in Sochi. Today's Canadian is allowed for the next two and a half weeks to show their swagger to the world.

For many of us, it will be that time again to wake up in the morning and check the television channels and websites for Canada's certain magnificent run at Sochi. Of course, hockey — both men's and women's teams — will be the No. 1 attraction but new heroes will be born in Sochi, and millions across the land will honour them with unbridled enthusiasm.

What is more is that there is now a sense of justified entitlement for Canadians at the Winter Olympics. We are historically a land of ice and snow, and what happens there is just part of who Canadians are. It is no longer just the sole territory of the great athletes from the frozen landscapes of Norway, Russia and Austria.

The Great White North has finally secured its own domain at the Winter Olympics — and there is an unbreakable notion it won't let go unless hell freezes over.



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# Sports



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Mountainview Colts player Colton Anderson scores on the Ponka Stampers goaltender during their game at the Didsbury Memorial Arena on Feb. 2. The Colts won the game 10 to 3.

## Colts split games with teams at top, bottom of division

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

The Mountainview Colts slipped into third place in the north division of the Heritage Junior Hockey League standings after splitting a pair of games over the weekend.

The 10-3 victory over the Ponoka Stampers on Feb. 7 and 5-4 loss to the Stettler Lightning the next night gives the Colts 43 points on the season, four behind the Lightning and seven behind the first-place Blackfalds Wranglers. The Colts have two games remaining in the regular season, a date

Feb. 14 with Thunder in Airdrie and a tilt with the Three Hills Thrashers on Feb. 15 at 8 p.m. at the Didsbury Recreation Complex.

The victory on Feb. 7 was in part due to hat tricks from Tyson Schmidt and Evan Thompson, who wracked up four and five points respectively in the game. Lucas Fraser also chipped in four points, scoring a goal and adding three assists. Other Colts goals came from Cole Sutherland, Colton Anderson and Derrick Morrell.

After getting up 3-1 after one period, the Colts maintained their

three-goal cushion after 40 minutes, going up 5-3. Following a short-handed goal by the Stampers' Tye Munro at 1:14 of the third period, the Colts rattled off five unanswered goals to close out the winless Stampers, including the last goal of the game, a short-handed marker to give Schmidt his hat trick.

Following the game, Colts head coach Gord Olsen said it was important for the Colts not to fall into any bad habits against the Stampers, especially since the team is in a duel with the Lightning in the standings.

"(The Stampers is) a team that hasn't won, so the position we're in, we can't afford to lose to a team like that, but it also is helping us prepare for our playoff run. We had a bit of a slow start in the first and second periods but, for the most part, the guys skated hard and they're getting their work ethic down and that's what we want," he said.

Olsen said he was pleased both Schmidt and Thompson scored in bunches on Feb. 7 as he said either hadn't had the best of luck in recent games.

"It's good to see them bust out," he said.

Several former members of the 2013 midget A provincial championship team in Olds have made key contributions to the Colts this season, including Schmidt, Austin Pedersen, Ryan Klinck and goaltender Thomas Della Siega. Klinck has 24 points on the season while Della Siega has posted nine wins.

In the Feb. 8 loss to the Lightning, the two teams were tied 3-3 going into the third period, with the Lightning scoring midway through the third and adding an insurance goal with 1:08 left on the clock. A goal by Thompson 48 seconds

later pulled the Colts to within one goal, but they were unable to get the equalizer in the dying seconds.

"They made really good on their power-plays and it was a really good game. We just came up on the short end of it," Olsen said of the two power-play goals by the Lightning.

Olsen said he hoped the players could put in a good effort during the final two games of the regular season and go into the playoffs on a high note.

"Just keep playing the same way we've been playing the whole season," he said.

## 'Funspiel' draws 36 curlers to curling club

BY PAUL FREY  
MVP Staff

A total of six local teams and three from Airdrie took to the ice at the Didsbury curling club on Feb. 8 and 9 for the Suds and Stones Bonspiel.

The format of the "funspiel" is fairly casual, explained Jen Bommarito, president of the club, with each rink playing four times during the event, and each game lasting a maximum of six ends, with the option of calling it after three. This was the second year for the Suds and Stones 'spiel.

"Rather than being really serious and playing either eight or 10 ends, it's a six-end (game). It's a lot of fun," she said, adding she hopes more people turn out next year for the event. "We always hope that all of our bonspiels will grow over time."

The next big event for the club is the mixed bonspiel on March 15 and 16.



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Lana Kreiser throws a rock during the Suds and Stones Bonspiel at the Didsbury Curling Club on Feb. 8.

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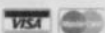
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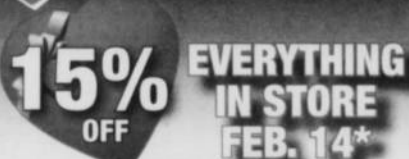
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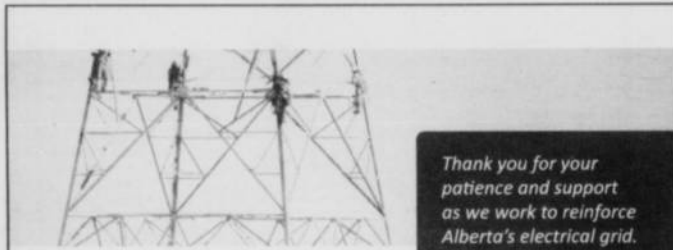
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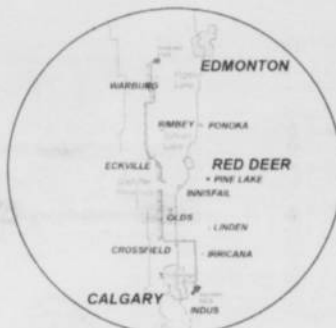
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# FRONT PORCH REALTY

Allen Reed and Rod Neufeld 335-2222 • www.frontporchrealty.ca • 2009 - 20 Avenue, Didsbury

## 2 Westheights Crescent



1538 sq. ft., 3 + 1 bedrooms, 3 baths, main floor laundry, wood stove, RV parking, backs onto green space and playground, great location.

**\$319,900**

## 2018 - 20 Avenue

Be your own boss and own the building too! This character building housing the "Didsbury Cafe" is in one of the highest traffic areas in Didsbury, currently run as a cafe but has been a bakery not so long ago or could be some other venture that you have in mind, price includes equipment and fixtures, a great space for an entrepreneur, 2623 sq ft, 50' X 120' lot



**\$319,900 + gst**

## 1409 - 20 Avenue



One of the last available vacant lots on the main road coming into Didsbury, zoned Residential/Commercial, 40' x 124', ready for your ideas!

**\$64,900**

## 15 Miltford Lane, Carstairs



The "Villas at Parkview Estates". Lovely 56+ unit, fully finished, gas fireplace, vaulted ceiling, 2 bdrms, 2 dens, 2 baths, heated single garage, covered patio, great location.

**\$249,900**

## The Porch Boyz The WORLD may be frozen



## 2102 - 18 Avenue



Great starter or revenue home, recent bathroom upgrades, gas fireplace in living room, basement family room, 24 x 24 garage, corner lot.

**\$174,900**

## 1435 - 21 Avenue



4 plex revenue property, 2 X 2 bedroom suites and 2 X 3 bedroom suites, bi-level style, centrally located, good parking.

**\$299,000**

## 2, 2200 - 7 Avenue



Calling all first time buyers or investors, 3 bedroom bi-level style unit, 1-1/2 baths, newer flooring, furnace and vinyl siding.

**\$127,900**

## 5910 - 60 Street, Olds



Great Curb Appeal! Great Location! Great Home! 1532 sq ft plus developed basement, open plan, lots of built-ins, glassed in rear deck, low maintenance landscaping, drive-through garage

**\$469,900**

## 1422 - 21 Avenue



Revenue property, 4 plex building with 3 X 2 bedroom suites and 1 X 1 bedroom suite, bi-level style, coin op laundry, lots of parking.

**\$389,000**

## 1502 - Mary Place



2 + 2 bedrooms, 2 baths, vaulted ceiling in living room, bright kitchen and dining areas, large fenced yard, R.V. parking, treated deck, well maintained.

**\$298,000**

## 1917 - 17 Street



Maintenance free living! 2 + 1 bedrooms unit, 2 baths, cork flooring on main, corner gas fireplace, main floor laundry, fully finished, reasonable HOA fees.

**\$219,900**

## 4.87 Acres 8 mi. west of Didsbury

2000+ sq. ft. home, oversized dbl. att. heated garage, oversized dbl det. heated garage, 40x80 heated metal shop, 50x80 heated quonset, 40x80 Butler building, much, much more!

**\$675,000**



## 4.8 Acres on the Valley

1340 sq. ft. bungalow built in 1998, 3 1/2 baths, 4 bdrms, walk-out bsmt, infloor heat, wrap around deck, 32 x 40 heated shop. Great location close to town.

**\$639,900**



## 1.85 Acres at Butte Hills

1266 sq. ft. fully developed cedar log home, 3+1 bdrms, 2 baths, granite counter tops, new bsmt flooring, hot tub, heated quonset, paved laneway, excellent location, easy commute.

**\$649,900**

## Focus!

The "Household Goods Thrift Store" has a NEW location and a NEW name!

## 'ZION THRIFT STORE'

is now located in the Victoria Square Mall right next to Webb's Bulk Foods. Be sure to come and see their spacious new store where you can still get great value with proceeds going to help various groups in our community!

